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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :
Srinivasa Sesha Soma Sekhar Muppidi et al. : Examiner: David J. Lee
Serial No. : 10/071,951 : Group Art Unit: 2633
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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR :
CONFIGURATION DISCOVERY IN AN :
OPTICAL NETWORK :

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated October 5, 2005, the time for response to which is set to expire on January 5, 2006, please amend the above-identified patent as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraph 20 as follows:

An element management system (EMS) 188 ~~180~~ is communicatively coupled to the nodes with any suitable data link, such as an Ethernet data link. The function of the EMS is to provide high-level administration of the optical network. EMS 188 ~~180~~ may, for example, be used to provide provisioning data to each node. The provisioning data supplied to each node includes information for implementing a planned network configuration. For example, in a DWDM network the provisioning data may include a